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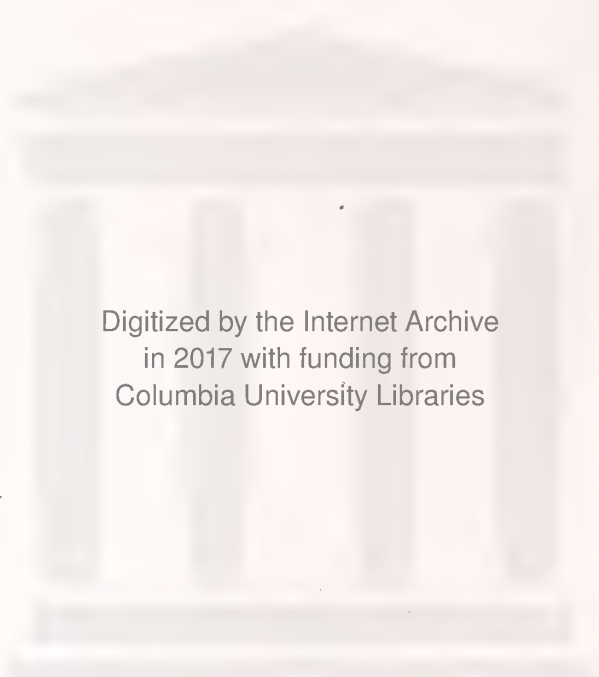
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POINTS FOR PROGRESS

The same phraseology about the age limits is used in all departments of religious education. The Missionary Education Movement presents "Japan on the Upward Trail" by William Axling as the book to be used by Senior groups. (15-18 years). Price, 50 cents paper, cloth 75 cents.

The programs here outlined have been prepared for the use of the Girls' Missionary Guilds. If there is more than one Circle or Group, according to age, we suggest "YOUNG JAPAN" by Mabel Gardner Kerschner for the Intermediate group. (12-15 years). Price 40 cents.

In order that "Japan on the Upward Trail" may be presented in six meetings Chapter's III and IV, and V and VII have been combined.

These Outlines are only suggestive. Those desiring more elaborate programs will find it easy to make additions.

Unless designated, no parts should be read from the book. Pages are noted for reference only. Outlines cost 10 cents each, 60 cents per dozen.

Much of the subject matter is historical in character. The book can be used for reference in future years so we advise as many persons as possible to own a copy.

The Theme for Devotions is "GROWTH." A Scriptural Acrostic is given and can be used whenever desired.

MUSIC

Familiar hymns have been chosen. Words and music of the Japanese National Anthem "Kimigayo" are inclosed in the Packet. Single copies of "Follow the Gleam" sell for 10 cents. Prices in quantity given upon application.

MAPS

The Wall Map of Japan shows Mission Stations of all Boards and will be invaluable in your work. Price 60 cents. Outline Maps are 25 cents a dozen (Not sold separately). Use these in locating our own mission stations. Black and white Maps (22x34) of our North Japan Field are priced at 25 cents postpaid.

CHARTS AND POSTERS

Suggestions for Charts are given under several chapters. Others may suggest themselves and should be worked out. Advertise our meetings by making attractive posters. Japanese crepe paper may be purchased from Dennison & Co., 1007 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. "The National Geographic," "Asia," "The Missionary Review of the World," and other magazines will also give you material. Steamship folders will be helpful. Visualize all statistics.

PICTURES

A set of six beautiful Japanese pictures, suitable for framing, is available at 60 cents postpaid. Japanese Post Cards at 3 cents each, 10 cents for set of four.

CURIOS

These may be rented from the Department of Missionary Education, 417 Schaff Bldg., 1507-1521 Race St., Philadelphia. (Free for postage).

SOCIAL PERIODS

Available books: "Phunology," \$1.25; "It is to Laugh," \$1.25; "It Happens in Japan," 50 cents; "A Japanese Social," 5 cents.

ASSIGNMENTS

All special assignments are listed for each month. These and all parts on the program should be distributed at least a month in advance.

REFERENCES

"Outlook of Missions," "Creative Forces in Japan," 50 cents; "The Honorable Japanese Fan," 40 cents; "Young Japan, 40 cents; "Japanese Jaunts," 10 cents.

JAPANESE CUSTOMS

"The Making of a Japanese House (a cut-out) costs 25 cents. It, with the various customs described in "Young Japan," will furnish splendid supplemental material for the August meeting. Other suggestions for the several months will also be found in "Young Japan." Be sure to order both these HELPS for discussion on the life and customs of the Japanese.

WHERE TO ORDER

PACKETS, MISSION STUDY BOOKS, MAPS, PLAYS, PAGEANTS, CALENDARS, LEAFLETS, etc.,—Eastern and Potomac Synods order from Carrie M. Kerschner, 416 Schaff Bldg., 1507-1521 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. All other Synods order from Woman's Missionary Society, 14 Remmele Block, Tiffin, Ohio.

MAGAZINES

"The Missionary Review of the World" is \$2.50 per year; in clubs of five \$2 each. "Everyland" for the Juniors and Intermediates is \$1.50 per year, in clubs of five \$1.25. Order only from Carrie M. Kerschner, 416 Schaff Bldg., 1507-1521 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.

NOTE: When other Boards use these outlines their own denominational work should be substituted.

MISSION STUDY CLASSES

More benefit will be derived from the use of this book if it is studied in a six or eight weeks' course. Supplemental material for the course will be found in "Creative Forces in Japan" by Galen M. Fisher, and in "The Woman and the Leaven in Japan" by Charlotte B. DeForrest. These books sell for 50 cents paper, 75 cents cloth. They will also furnish an admirable background for the presentation of the following programs.

SCRIPTURAL ACROSTIC

God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

Open to me the gates of righteousness.

When I learn Thy righteous judgments I will observe Thy statutes.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; and thy neighbor as thyself.

Hold fast that which is good.

CHARTS FOR CHAPTER 1

Area of Japan—148,756—almost the size of state of California.

Population—57,656,000—one-half the population of the United States.

(Use outline maps of the world coloring Japan and California red to compare area. For a comparison of population color Japan blue and half of the United States the same color.)

EDUCATIONAL CHART

Universities	6
Normal Schools	92
Higher Government Normal Schools.....	2
Higher Government Normal Schools for Girls..	2
Mission Bible Womens' Training Schools.....	14
Theological Schools under Mission Supervision.	18
Public Schools	25,574
Private Institutions	2,476
Medical Colleges	5

Literacy—Male 90%

Literacy—Female 70%

FEBRUARY

CHAPTER I

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Scripture: Genesis 1, 2:1-3. (Responsively.)

Prayer: From the Prayer Calendar.

Ancient Japan:

- a) Creation—Meaning of the Name.**
- b) Origin of Race (pages 2-3).
- c) Early religions (4).
- d) Foreign Intercourse (6-7).

Opening of Japan to the Outside World.*

Monologue "My Greatest Adventure."*

Modern Japan:

- a) Area and Population (Chart and Map.)
 - 1. Japan Proper.
 - 2. Her Possessions.
- b) In Commerce (11).
- c) In Education (Chart).
- d) In the Arts.***

Japan Among the Nations. (12-14).

Some First Impressions.****

An Interpretation (page XI Foreword).

Memory Verse: "God is not a God of confusion, but of peace."

Silent Prayer.

Mizpah Benediction.

Hostess

Place of meeting

* Leaflet in Packet.

** Dec., 1923, Outlook of Missions.

*** "The Woman and the Leaven in Japan" (pages 140-144).

**** "Japanese Jaunts," 10 cents (pages 5-8).

MARCH

CHAPTER II

Hymn: "Faith of our Father's, living still."

Scripture: The Beatitudes, Matt. 5:3-12. (Recited in Unison).

Prayer: From the Calendar.

Early Christian Travelers. (17-18)

The Inquisition in Japan. (18-20)

Christian Martyrs of Japan. (20-26)

The Influence of a Christian Heroine. (26-31).

"The Book of the West." (32-33)

The "Hanaoka Declaration." (35-36)

First Christian Student Movement in Japan. (36-37)

Biographical Sketch—"The General Booth of Japan." (37-43)
Assignment 1.

"From A Christian Educator." (44)

Assignment 2.

Memory Verses: The Beatitudes.

Sentence Prayers.

Mizpah Benediction.

Hostess

Place of meeting.....

Assignments: I. Discuss "The value of the printed page."

II. When did the Reformed Church begin its
missionary work in Japan? Who was the
first missionary? *

* Leaflet in Packet—"The Genesis of the Board and the Growth of the Work" (10-11).

CHART FOR APRIL

UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE—TOKYO

“In Union there is strength.”

Founded	January 1917
Opened	April 1918
Co-operating Boards:	Baptist Christian Canadian Methodist Methodist Episcopal Presbyterian Reformed in America
President	Dr. Inazo Nitobe
Acting President	Miss Tetsu Yasui
Location	Suburbs of Tokyo
Sister College	Vassar
Enrollment	1922—205
First Class Graduated	March 1922 (33 members)
Grade	Three Year Junior Two year Senior

Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, paid for the
“Mary Ault Hoy” Memorial Room in this College.

IMPERIAL RESCRIPT ON EDUCATION.

(The Imperial Rescript on Education is read at all public educational functions. It is printed on a scroll and read with great ceremony. Prepare a Scroll on which has been written the “Rescript.”)

"Know ye, Our subjects:

"Our Imperial Ancestors have founded Our Empire on a basis broad and everlasting, and have deeply and firmly implanted virtue; Our subjects ever united in loyalty and filial piety, have from generation to generation illustrated the beauty thereof. This is the glory of the fundamental character of Our Empire, and herein also lies the source of Our Education. Ye, Our subjects, be filial to your parents, affectionate to your brothers and sisters; as husbands and wives be harmonious, as friends true; bear yourselves in modesty and moderation; extend your benevolence to all; pursue learning and cultivate arts, and thereby develop intellectual faculties and perfect moral powers; furthermore, advance public good and promote common interests; always respect the Constitution and observe the laws; should emergency arise offer yourselves courageously to the State; and thus guard and maintain the prosperity of Our Imperial Throne coeval with heaven and earth. So shall ye not only be Our good and faithful subjects, but render illustrious the best traditions of your forefathers.

"The Way here set forth is indeed the teaching bequeathed by Our Imperial Ancestors, to be observed alike by Their descendants and the subjects, infallible for all ages and true in all places. It is Our wish to lay it to heart in all reverence, in common with you, Our subjects, that we may all attain to the same virtue."

APRIL

CHAPTERS III-IV.

Hymn: "Follow the Gleam." **

Scripture: John 12: 44-47.

Prayer: From the Calendar.

Joseph Hardy Neesima:

- a) His early life. (45-47)
- b) On the "Wild Rover." (47-49)
- c) In the home of Alpheus Hardy. (50-51)
- d) As an "untiring soldier of the blessed Cross." (51-57)

Assignment 1.

The Imperial Rescript on Education.

Japanese Student Life Today. ((58-63)

Our Schools in Sendai. (Chart)

- a) Our Girls' School—Miyago Jo Gakko.*
- b) North Japan College (12-13 "The Genesis of our Work.")

Reading—"From a University President.." (64)

Sky Pilots in Japan:

- a) Kanamori.
- b) Kimura.

Sketch briefly "The Life of Women in Japan." (The Women and the Leaven in Japan.)

- a) An International Leader among Women—Miss Kawai. (73-78)****

Evangelistic Work.

- a) In the city. (78-88)
- b) In the rural districts. (88-91)

"The Lady with the Lamp." *

Assignment II.

Memory Verse: "I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly."

Silent Prayer.

Mizpeh Benediction.

Hostess

Place of meeting

Assignments: I. What is being done to make the life of foreign students in America more pleasant?***

2. Tell of our Evangelistic work in Japan.
(Page 14 "The Genesis of our Board.)

* Leaflet in Packet.

** Single copies 10 cents special price in quantity.

*** January, 1924, Outlook of Missions.

**** The Woman and the Leaven in Japan (page 185).

MAY

CHAPTERS V AND VII.

Hymn: "Work for the Night is Coming."

Scripture: Johu 5: 17-24.

Prayer: From the Calendar.

Early Trail Blazers: "The Jesus Band." (93-98)

1. In the Industrial World:

a) Japan's Industrial Problems. (133-137)

b) A Christian Captain of Industry. (111-113)

c) Japanese Women in Business. **

2. In the Political World:

- a) The John Knox of Japan. (98-103)
- b) Militarism vs. Democracy. (138-143)
- c) Japanese Women in Patriotic Service.***

3. In the Spiritual Realm:

- a) Christian Reformers. (104-110)
- b) "The Old-time Religion." (147-151)

The Way Out. (152-158)

"A Trio of Trail Blazers." *

The Challenge to the Church. (158)

Memory Verse: "I must work the works of Him that sent me:
the night cometh, when no man can work."

Silent Prayer.

Mizpah Benediction.

Hostess

Place of meeting

* Leaflet in Packet.

** "The Woman and the Leaven in Japan" (150-151).

*** "The Woman and the Leaven in Japan" (159-162).

JUNE

CHAPTER VI.

Hymn: "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me."

Scripture: Luke 5: 1-11.

Prayer: From the Calendar.

Assignment 1.

"The Sea Within the Straits." (115-117)

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The "Sky Pilot of the Sea." (118-120)

A Sail on the "Gospel Ship." (120-131)

- a) Building the Ship. (120-121)
- b) Ready to sail. (121)
- c) The First Program. (122-123)
- d) A Rough Voyage. (124)
- e) The Turn of the Tide. (126-130)

On the Inland Sea.*

Solo or Quartette, "Sunset and Evening Star." (Barnby) ***

Memory Verse: "When I learn Thy righteous judgments I
will observe Thy statutes."

Prayer.

Mizpah Benediction.

Hostess

Place of meeting

Assignment 1. Name and locate the five principal Islands of
Japan.**

* Japanese Jaunts (pages 12-16).

** Wall Map 60 cents.

*** Reformed Church Hymnal No. 566.

JULY

CHAPTER VIII.

Hymn: "Take my Life, and let it be." (Tune-St. Bees) 492
Ref. Church Hymnal.

Scripture: Matt. 28: 18-20.

Prayer: From the Calendar.

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A Resume: "The Impress of Christianity on Japan."*

Progress on the Second Lap. (160-162)**

The Outreach of Christian Influence. (162-165)

Assignment 1.

Christian Torch Bearers:

1. Madame Yajima. (167)***

2. Missionaries. (167-170)

a) "A Teacher of Religious Art."*

b) "Working with the Little Folks."*

The Unfinished Task. (173-178)****

Reading in Unison (page 178) beginning with "Japan needs Christ."

Prayer.

Memory Work: The Scriptural Acrostic.

Mizpah Benediction.

Hostess

Place of meeting

Assignment 1. What percentage of the young people in Japan brought beyond primary age are in schools under Christian influence. (165)

* Leaflet in Packet.

** Charts.

*** "The Woman and the Leaven in Japan (186-187).

**** Poster—"Is Japan Evangelized" (World Survey—Foreign, page 150).

CHARTS FOR JULY MEETING

CHART I.

1864—First Protstant Baptism	1922—120,000 Protestant
1869—Two Japanese Women Baptized	Christians
1872—First Protestant Church (Yokohama)	1922—1,350 Churches
	1,000 Preaching Places

CHART II.

THEN	NOW
Only Foreign Missionaries	4,000 Japanese Workers
Small group in one Sunday School	170,000 Sunday School Scholars
1912-20 Increase in Population 6½%	1912-20 Increase in Church Enrollment 85%

"I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me."

Make a Graph of INCREASE IN PROTESTANT CHURCH MEMBERS, page 149 World Survey (Foreign). Copies may be secured from Depositories for 15 cents each.

AUGUST

SOCIAL MEETING.

This is the month to hold your Japanese Festival. It may be held in church, in the park, or at someone's house. An afternoon meeting is preferable so that the children and young people can attend.

If possible plan for an exhibit of all postors used during the study of Japan by any organization in your church. Invite the Woman's Missionary Society and Mission Band to be your guests and bring their posters and charts.

Plan for a Summer Christmas Tree. When you send out invitations for the meeting ask each one to bring a suitable gift for the "Tree." Let each gift be hung by the contribu-

tor. Send the gifts to a Kindergarten in Japan or to the Kindergarten in San Francisco or Los Angeles. Boxes for Japan should be on the way by October 1st at the very latest. Boxes for California should be sent about December 1st.

Give the name and address of a Missionary in Japan to each one present and ask them to write a Christmas card or letter to the person named. Mail no later than Dec. 1st.

Use the Leaflet "A Japanese Social."** Play the games suggested

PROGRAM.

Hymn: "Stand up, stand up for Jesus."

Devotions: Scriptural Acrostic.

Sentence Prayers for our workers on the field.

Benefits derived from past six meetings. (Given by both the women and girls.)

Quiz: (Questions on previous page.)

Christmas Tree.

Social.**

Hostess

Place of meeting

** Secure from Depositories. 5 cents per copy.



